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Hongkong, May 12, 1896. 974

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Hongkong, May 4, 1896. 935

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Hongkong, May 4, 1896. 932

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Hongkong, May 8, 1896. 962

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Hongkong, February 18, 1896. 888

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Brooklyn..... 3,501 Friday June 5.

Tacoma..... 2,549 Tuesday June 23.

Victoria..... 3,167 Saturday July 11.

Olympia..... 2,608 Wednesday July 23.

Brooklyn..... 3,501 Sunday Aug. 16.

THE Steamship *OLYMPIA*, Capt. J. Thompson, sailing at Daylight, on SUNDAY, the 17th May, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and TACOMA (Wash.) and SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

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For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to DODWELL, CARILL & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, May 9, 1896. 930

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Preussan..... Tuesday July 21.

Sachsen..... Tuesday August 18.

Bayern..... Tuesday September 15.

Prinz Heinrich..... Tuesday October 13.

Preussan..... Tuesday November 10.

ON TUESDAY, the 26th day of May, 1896, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *KARLSRUHE*, Captain H. WALTER, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

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Alfred	C. B. Borton	Brit. str.	1439	Mar. 28	28	Amoy	To-morrow
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Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Flag.	Tonnage.	Gun.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Albatross	Brit. str.	3600	21	7000	Capt. Robert L. Groom	Singapore
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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

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Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	4950	32	6000	Captain Kuchinoff	Nagasaki
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SHIPPING IN CHINA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES & SIAM.

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Canton	Brit. str.	Amoy
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A BOOK OF FRENCH GOSSIP.

If anybody were to charge the author of "Recollections of Paris," just published, with the high literary crime of bookmaking, it is difficult to see what defence Captain Bingham would be able to put in. But he might plead in extenuation of his offence that, in this compilation of diary jottings, newspaper articles, authentic anecdotes, and old stories revived, there are few pages which do not contain some amusing or instructive matter. The chapters are thrown together with the careless ease of a writer who knows he can command attention because he is describing scenes he is familiar with and events he has witnessed. The brilliant aspect of the Second Empire was not better known to Captain Bingham than its seamy side, and he takes equal pleasure in presenting either phase. For *contra*, though his sympathies are not with the Republic, and still less with the Commune, he does justice to the personal gifts and character of the men who established these things. For the gallant Rapp, who succeeded Guizot as War Minister, he had something more than respect, and writes of his condemnation and execution as of the misfortune of a friend.

It is well known that the Duc de Morny, half-brother to Napoleon III., was proud of his bar sinister. "I remember hearing that he wished the Emperor, instead of creating him Duc de Morny (1862), to give him the title of Comte d'Auvergne, a title once borne by a Royal bastard, to wit the son of Charles IX. and Marie Touchet. The Emperor refused, considering that it would be casting a slur on the memory of his mother. In 1857 Duc Morny had caused the Court to be annoyed by his pretensions. He had been appointed to go to St. Petersburg, to represent France at the marriage of the Czar, and on this occasion he assumed as *armes parlantes* a tortoise in flower, and, to render this heraldic language more clear, took for his device—*Tort. sed imperialis*."

Even more discussed was the vanity of Changarnier. After the battles around Metz he was shut up in that fortress with Bazaine. "When a capitulation became inevitable, he offered to act as negotiator, but he was unable to obtain any concessions from the German commanders. Strange to say, although he was invested with no command, he insisted upon attaching his signature to the act of capitulation. His poor Nicolas Assolant, Changarnier was ready to purchase notoriety at any price. Had he lived in the days of Epictetus he would have burned down the temple of Diana at Ephesus sooner than have allowed his name to perish. One of his last acts was to aid in the downfall of M. Thiers, before he was dismissed by calling him to preside over his destinies. It was a sad blow to his self-infatuation when he learned that everything had been arranged for Marshal MacMahon to succeed M. Thiers—a blow from which he never recovered."

An interesting account is given of Marguerite Bellanger, the laundress who sold her way, and the music halls, to become a power in the State. "I several times met the Emperor driving up the Champs Elysees of an evening in his brougham to the Rue des Vigues, where Margot held a veritable court. The gravest and most serious persons looked thicker, wrote a chronicle during the day, minutes, tens, and hundreds of thousands, picking up crosses and places which the lady of the house obtained with the greatest facility from her *cher signeur*."

A hint for public speakers who have to face a stormy meeting is given by the conduct of M. Emile Olivier, at the Chateau Theatre. "It was all in vain that he spoke at the top of his voice; all he said was drowned in uproar. He hit upon another plan, which met with all the success it deserved. Instead of trying to make himself heard above the storm, he lowered his voice and spoke in an almost inaudible tone; and then the people tried to catch what he was saying, and there was a hush. 'Hush! hush!' and in this way the young orator was able to deliver and defend his policy."

The light-heartedness with which the Parisians plunged into the war against Prussia was not shared by all the Imperial circle. "The French, generally speaking, were in fact for some time before war was declared in a state of bubble-and-squeak, extremely feeble and afraid for the future. Few people seemed to have any idea what a terrible and perilous affair war would be. There were exceptions. The Emperor was one. Prince Napoleon was another. He was cruising in the Baltic when he learned that affairs had assumed a serious aspect. He at once determined to return home, and on being asked where he was going, he replied: 'To Berlin (the French Bedlam); to that city of madness which is shouting, 'To Berlin' and which is called Paris.'"

Captain Bingham vindicates the reputation of Marshal Lefebvre, the author of the famous saying about the last button on the last garter. "When matters were put to the test everything was waiting. The magazines were found to be full, the troops were ready, and there had evidently been an immense amount of pilfering going on which had either been undetected or connived at. One day asked a friend of mine in the War Office how Marshal Lefebvre could have made such a declaration. He replied: 'I know him well. He believed what he said. He is quite incapable of having told a falsehood.' He was the victim of lying reports."

It was not only the Parisians who displayed a lack of daring during the bombardment of the Rue de la Harpe. Captain Bingham one day found an English lady taking shelter in an unfinished house, a few yards from where a shell had just exploded. "To my remarks that the shell had exploded, that all danger was past, and that it would be well to hurry and get out of the place, she sometimes said ten minutes afterwards: 'It took me about five minutes to persuade her to the contrary. In reply to inquiries, she informed me that she lived in a house more exposed than my own, and that she was a widow—she might have added in business. 'No.' 'Then why do you remain in Paris?' 'Oh, I have two boys, and

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" ordinary "	1,250	1	100 1/2, buyers	100 1/2, buyers
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Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	10	all	10 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	25	all	25 1/2, buyers
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1. Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, Patterns, Bills, Almanacs, &c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports of China, in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight may be sent to the Post Office unsealed, the postage, at the rate of one cent each, being paid in cash or charged to the sender's account. Special accounts may be opened with non-box-holders for the delivery of considerable numbers of such articles.

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